



# महाराष्ट्र शासन राजपत्र

## असाधारण भाग पाच-अ

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महाराष्ट्र विधानसभेत व महाराष्ट्र विधानपरिषदेत सादर केलेली विधेयके (इंग्रजी अनुवाद).

### MAHARASHTRA LEGISLATURE SECRETARIAT

The following Bill was introduced in the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly on the **20<sup>th</sup> December, 2022** is published under Rule 117 of the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly Rules.

**L. A. Bill No. XXXII OF 2022.**

*A BILL*

*further to amend the Maharashtra Police Act and the Maharashtra Cinemas (Regulations) Act.*

XXII of WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Maharashtra Police  
1951. Act and the Maharashtra Cinemas (Regulations) Act, for the purposes  
XI of hereinafter appearing; it is hereby enacted in the Seventy-third Year of the  
1953. Republic of India, as follows :—

## CHAPTER I

## PRELIMINARY

Short title. **1.** This Act may be called the Maharashtra Police and Maharashtra Cinemas (Regulations) (Amendment) Act, 2022.

## CHAPTER II

## AMENDMENTS TO THE MAHARASHTRA POLICE ACT.

Amendment of section 90A of XXII of 1951. **2.** In section 90A of the Maharashtra Police Act (hereinafter, in this Chapter, referred to as “ the Police Act ”), in sub-section (1), for clause (i), the following clause shall be substituted, namely :—

“ (i) for the first offence, with fine which may extend to three thousand rupees ; ”.

Amendment of section 118 of XXII of 1951. **3.** In section 118 of the Police Act, in sub-section (1), for clause (i), the following clause shall be substituted, namely :—

“ (i) for the first offence, with fine which may extend to four thousand rupees ; ”.

Amendment of section 131 of XXII of 1951. **4.** In section 131 of the Police Act, in clause (b), sub-clause (ii) shall be deleted.

## CHAPTER III

## AMENDMENTS TO THE MAHARASHTRA CINEMAS (REGULATIONS) ACT.

Amendment of section 7 of XI of 1953. **5.** In section 7 of the Maharashtra Cinemas (Regulations) Act (hereinafter, in this Chapter, referred to as “ the Cinemas Act ”), in sub-section (1), for the portion beginning with the words “shall be punished with imprisonment” and ending with the words “ for the first such offence ”, the following shall be substituted, namely :—

“shall be punished with fine which may extend to fifty thousand rupees and in the case of a continuing offence, a further fine which may extend to five thousand rupees for each day during which the offence continues after conviction for the first such offence”.

Amendment of section 9 of XI of 1953. **6.** In section 9 of the Cinemas Act, in sub-section (3), for the portion beginning with the words “be punished with imprisonment” and ending with the words “ for the first such offence ”, the following shall be substituted, namely :—

“ be punished with fine which may extend to fifty thousand rupees and in the case of a continuing offence, a further fine which may extend to five thousand rupees for each day during which the offence continues after conviction for the first such offence ”.

## STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The State Government has, upon request of the Government of India, undertaken a comprehensive review of all State Acts and Rules framed thereunder to eliminate the risk of imprisonment for citizens for minor violations with the objective of enhancing Ease of Doing Business and Ease of Living of Citizens.

2. For the above purposes, the State Government had constituted a Committee of Secretaries under the Chairmanship of Additional Chief Secretary (Industries) to recommend deletion or mitigation of existing imprisonment provisions or providing for compounding of offences in the Maharashtra State Acts or rules framed thereunder after consultation with the concerned administrative Departments and authorities or institutions thereunder.

Accordingly, after such review, the Government considers it expedient to amend imprisonment and fine provisions contained in sections 90A, 118 and 131 of the Maharashtra Police Act (XXII of 1951) and sections 7 and 9 of the Maharashtra Cinemas (Regulations) Act (XI of 1953).

3. The Bill seeks to achieve the above objectives.

Mumbai,  
Dated the 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2022.

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**Vidhan Bhavan :**  
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Dated : 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2022.

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